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Agreement with Railways for Connectivity of Tourist Places
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any agreement with the Ministry of Railways to boost tourism by providing connectivity between tourist places in the country;
(b) if so, the details in this regard of the tourist places, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Gujarat; and
(c) the other steps taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism has not signed any agreement with the Ministry of Railways to boost tourism by providing connectivity between tourist places in the country. However, Ministry of Tourism collaborates with Ministry of Railways to jointly develop tourist amenities at 26 railway stations across the country and provides funds for the manufacture of Glass Top Coaches.

(c): Ministry of Tourism has taken various steps to boost tourism in the country, which inter-alia include the following:

i) Launching theme based tourist circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for integrated development of tourism infrastructure and facilities.

ii) Launching the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage centres of all faiths.
iii) Providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects including fairs, festivals and tourism related events as per the relevant scheme guidelines.
iv) Providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various Central Agencies for the overall development of places of tourist interest under their control as per the relevant scheme guidelines.
v) Launching e-Visa for citizens of 162 countries.

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